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SUBJECT: GOC DEMARCHE ON VAROSHA

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1. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES CALLED CHARGE IN JULY 21 TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO USG ON ECEVIT/GUNES STATEMENTS ABOUT "REOPENING" VAROSHA. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC (A) INTERPRETS THE STATEMENTS TO MEAN FAMAGUSTA IS NOW OPEN TO CIVILIANS AND (B) IT WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO GREEK CYPRIOTS. GOC INFERS THAT THIS MEANS THERE WILL BE MORE "TURKISH COLONIZATION" OF CYPRUS.
2. GOC TAKES FIRM VIEW THAT THE DECISION TO OPEN VAROSHA VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW, UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS, THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.
3. CHRISTOPHIDES WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DECISION PROVES THE BAD FAITH OF TURKEY IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, "IT BEING MADE  
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CLEAR BY THIS DECISION THAT SHE NEVER INTENDED TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS ON TERRITORIAL ASPECTS" DESPITE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO UNSYG, TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS AND TO INTERNAIONAL OPINION.

4. GOC BELIEVES THAT THESE STATEMENTS PROVE THE EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF TURKEY SINCE FAMAGUST WILL BE SETTLED THROUGH COLONIZATION. (GOC RECOGNIZES THAT THE TOWN ITSELF MAY NOT BE

SETTLED "BY" TURKISH MAINLANDERS, BUT EVEN IF NOT, BELIEVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO IMPORT MORE MAINLANDERS TO GREE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO LIVE THERE.) IN ANY CASE, DECISION WAS MADE BY GOT AND NOT TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND SO IS SEEN TO BE EXPANSIONIST.

5. FONMIN WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF THIS DESIGN MATERIALIZES "EVERY DOOR FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL BE CLOSED." AS ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS SAID TO MR. CLIFFORD, A SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FAMAGUSTA IS IMPOSSIBLE--OF COURSE FAMAGUSTA WOULD NOT MAKE A SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE BY ITSELF.

6. GOC BELIEVES THAT GOT HAS BEEN MISLEADING US AND EC COUNTRIES. GOC HAD ACCEPTED CLIFFORD MISSION'S ASSURANCES THAT USG WOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FIND A SOLUTION AND THE INDICATIONS GIVEN BY TURKEY TO CLIFFORD MISSION THAT GOT WOULD BE TAKING NECESSARY DECISIONS FOR A SOLUTION. AS A RESULT, GOC TOOK "SOME PAINFUL DECISIONS" IN RELATION TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. GOC HOPES USG WILL NOW TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO AVERT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TURKISH DECISION.

7. CHARGE POINTED OUT TO CHRISTOPHIDES THAT ECEVIT WILL NOT BE CARETAKER PRIMIN FOR MUCH LONGER. THIS INDICATES THAT THE DECISION ANNOUNCED JULY 20 MIGHT NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. FACT THAT ECEVIT WAS NOT PRIMIN DURING ANY PERIOD WHEN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ACTUALLY UNDER WAY CALLS INTO QUESTION GOC CONTENTION THAT "TURKEY NEVER INTENDED TO MAKE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCESSIONS." CHRISTOPHIDES ACCEPTED THIS POINT BUT FELT THAT MR. DEMIREL WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO UPHOLD ECEVIT DECISION IN VIEW OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS OF COALITION WITH ERBAKAN. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, THE IMPORTANT THING IS FOR USG AND OTHERS TO MOVE QUICKLY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM BEFORE SITUATION HAS HARDENED TO A POINT WHERE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE.

8. CHRISTOPHIDES IS MAKING SIMILAR DEMARCHES TO ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL, TO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EC (BELGIUM) AND TO ALL OTHER EMBASSIES AS HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, AND AMBASSADOR ROSSIDES WILL BE MAKING DEMARCHE TO SYG WALDHEIM. GOC HAS NOT YET MADE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ECEVIT/GUNES STATEMENTS. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID IF ASKED, THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE WILL SAY THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ATTENDING TO THE MATTER BUT THAT GOC WILL MAKE NO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS. GOC IS FOLLOWING POLICY OF AVOIDING COMMENT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR US, EC, AND OTHERS TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION WITH GOT.  
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